

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of December 21, 2010 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Chris Clark, Council Members Mike Klaus, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Street Department Supervisor John Youngwirth, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present was Andrew Price, Brittany McLeish, Gus Diel, Carolyn Testa, and Jan Sloan. Roger Fraser joined the meeting late.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. There have been four thefts, one stolen pickup recovered, one fight at the Library, two reportable crashes, two warrant arrests, one disturbing the peace, one DUI, two vandalism complaints, one domestic violence, one driving without privileges, one possession of marijuana charge, one missing person, and a custody suit. Rick said new Officer Dave Walls has completed his on the job training. He also reported that the Bonners Ferry Police Department had a 78.3 percent clearance rate with the State of Idaho.

John Youngwirth said the Fire Department has been quiet.

Stephen Boorman gave the City Administrator report. He said the city had emergency action plan training and a tour was given at the power plant. He said Frontier met with the City and they are getting close to putting DSL in the Three Mile and Moyie areas. David said Frontier has the old Verizon infrastructure so they are limited in what they can do. Stephen said Frontier does not provide point to point fiber. David Sims told council that the DEQ required the city to do leak testing on each lagoon pond and the lagoon leak testing has passed the requirements of DEQ. David said it will be 10 years before we are required to do this type of testing again.

Mike Klaus moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of November 23, 2010 special council meeting minutes and approval of December 7, 2010 council meeting minutes.

Mike Sloan gave a presentation on fiber optic broadband. He works with Link Idaho and is on a planning team with Bonner County and Panhandle Area Council for the Bonner County project, North Shore Fiber Optic Alliance. Mike feels broadband is very important for our community. He played a video for the group to review. Mike said \$12,500 is needed to get the City of Bonners Ferry in the game to find out if broadband is feasible in our area. U. S. Metronets is the company that did the original grant application that was filed for Stimulus funding but was not awarded. There is a scope of work that would be done if we choose to go forward with the feasibility study. Mike gave council a copy of the Sandpoint agreement to review. He said the density of the City of Bonners Ferry would work but was not sure of the outlying areas. Chris Clark asked if the \$12,500 would pay for a study that is already done. Mike said it will also pay for the materials that were submitted for the Stimulus grant application, negotiations with 360 Networks, and work with the bond council to get the financing. We cannot use the material we received from the grant application with another company for a year according to Mike. Mike said the \$12,500 will be refunded to the City if the bond goes through. Tim Wilson asked if this is written in the bond. Mike could not answer this. Mike Klaus asked how soon we need to have an agreement signed to not delay. Mike Sloan thought it was the end of January. Mike Klaus said that gives us enough time to answer our questions. Mike Sloan said this is a gamble. Mike said there is no contingent liability on the city because it is Panhandle Area Council's

responsibility to pay the bond. Mike thinks the \$12,500 is a reasonable gamble if you look at the benefits the residents would receive. Mike said as a city we cannot own the system. David Sims gave the example of the agreement between the county and North Idaho College for the building they use.

Mike Sloan said Frontier cannot provide broadband. He said it is important for the city to look long and hard at broadband. David Sims said Frontier wants a payback on their projects of about three to four years and the broadband project payback period is based on twenty years due to the bonds. Mike said Eric Lederhos told us he is paying \$45 for his bandwidth. Mike said the broadband project would allow Eric to purchase bandwidth for about \$10 so this would lower the cost to the residents that Eric serves.

Dave Anderson said he spoke with Mayor Heller and Sandpoint is still excited about the project and they don't have any problem spending the money. Mayor Anderson gave the example of the traffic study and the return on investment not being a dollar return like the broadband project may have. He thinks there are a lot of upsides to the broadband project providing faster internet to the community. Chris is in favor of exploring further the city's responsibilities of the project as well as the profit potential and how we fit in the puzzle. Mike Sloan said at worst we are a pass through lease. He said a question of negotiation is whether the city would put up the lines or if it would be a contractor. The profits are also negotiated according to Mike. Mayor Anderson said the Mayor of Sandpoint said there are still questions to be answered. Connie Wells said the city should proceed because business coming to the area needs to have high speed internet available. Mike Klaus suggested sitting in on the meeting with Sandpoint to get some of our questions answered even though he thinks the project would be worthwhile. Mike Klaus just wants to evaluate the risk of the \$12,500 obligation. Mike Klaus moved to go forward with the \$12,500 obligation. Chris Clark seconded the motion. Mayor Anderson said he is highly in favor of the project. Tom Mayo asked if the city would be laying the cable and if the city would be setting up an enterprise fund. Stephen said if U. S. Metronets is the provider then they would lay the cable and we would charge a pole use fee and possible franchise fee. Chris Clark asked about the yearly lease back appropriation and the service provider agreement with the city in the middle. Mike Sloan said these things will be in the negotiation process. Stephen cautioned to have the city attorney look the contract over very well. Mike Klaus amended his motion to go forward with the \$12,500 obligation upon review of the City Attorney. Chris Clark seconded the amended motion. Chris Clark reiterated that the company that originally did the grant application is now recouping some of its costs by charging for this information. Mike said that is correct and that if the project goes forward that Eric Lederhos will be able to purchase the bandwidth cheaper. Chris commented that the Sandpoint project has private supporters and suggested approaching Eric for support. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mike and Jan Sloan left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Andrew Price from Price Geographic Consulting gave a presentation on GIS mapping after he went over his resume. His proposal is to organize and incorporate all forms of data that we currently have into a data base with a system to access and to store and utilize the information as well as lay the ground work for adding to the system. Andrew told council that he would like to see broadband access where he lives to enhance his business so he is for the broadband project. Andrew would like to use Auto Cad for the platform he would use to create and store the data in.

Arch Map would be the program that would access the data. He demonstrated how the mapping program would work. Chris Clark sees the project as needing a staff person to maintain the system. David asked what the time frame would be for completing the project. Andrew thought probably two and a half months. Tom Mayo asked what the hardware and software needs are. Stephen said the city has an ESRI license but finds that program difficult. He uses Auto Cad Light but thinks we would have to purchase a new Auto Cad program and a new computer. He estimated the costs to be about \$5,000 per copy, thinking we may need two copies, and \$2,500 for a computer. Council thanked Andrew for his presentation.

Mike Klaus moved to have the second reading of the cross connection ordinance by title only. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Attorney Tim Wilson read the ordinance title.

Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the estimate voucher for the Alderson Lane Project. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed - Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign pay request #6 for Earthworks. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the beverage licenses for 2011. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. (Clerk’s Note: Licenses approved were Eagles, Last Chance Saloon, Kootenai River Inn, Mugsy’s, Pizza Factory, Safeway, Inc., South Hill Mini Mart, Conoco Food Mart, CHS, Inc. Cenex Zip Trip, Under the Sun, Papa Byrd’s Bistro, Lane 9, and Akins Harvest Foods).

David Sims said the Safe Routes to Schools Program is a federal program that provides funding funneled through the State of Idaho. Safe Routes to Schools Program is for helping increase the number of kids walking to school and for the safety of those kids walking. We need to form a committee to look at the needs for the routes to schools as a starting point if we are going to try to seek funding. He said the funding cycle has a March deadline and the grant application is 40 pages long. Mike Klaus said he is interested in this project and would like to see a committee formed. Chris Clark said he appreciates the volunteers on our committees. Mike Klaus moved to form a Safe Routes to Schools committee. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Rick Alonzo spoke regarding the purchase of a used patrol car. He said when we did the budget he asked for a used patrol car in the amount of \$30,000 and was content to wait until mid-year to look for a vehicle. The opportunity to purchase a used 2002 Tahoe has surfaced with low mileage. He told council that the DARE Expedition motor puked and the equipment from it has been put on the donated Expedition from Meridian to be used to replace it. The new DARE vehicle has been ordered. Chris Clark asked if the DARE vehicle is used for patrol. Rick said it is when it is not being used for DARE but it is specifically assigned to the DARE officer. Rick said the goal is to get a vehicle for each officer so the officers are aware of the equipment and supplies in their vehicle. Rick thinks this used vehicle is a good buy for the city. Clerk Larson explained the budget for capital items and workings of the general fund. Tom Mayo inquired

about the number of vehicles in the police department. Rick said there are four vehicles. The old Tahoe is assigned to Don Moore for a canine unit, the DARE vehicle, and two vehicles for patrol. He said the Tahoe used by Don Moore has 150,000 miles on it and a patrol vehicle has quite a few more hours on it because they are kept running during traffic stops. Tom asked about the equipment to be put on the vehicle that is so expensive. Rick said the light bars are about \$1,200 and there is a radio that we have to install from Homeland Security. He is looking at other agencies that may have updated their vehicles for the cages that fit the Tahoe. Rick said it may be less than \$8,000 but he would rather caution council that way and have it turn out less. Stephen commented on the expense of equipping a vehicle that is used by the city. Connie said she said it sounds like a good deal but is concerned about the expense. Rick said the city has had very good luck with Tahoes. He said he is concerned about the safety of the officers in the older vehicles with high mileage. Mike Klaus said he does not know enough about the vehicles per person policy and he does not know enough about fleet management to make a determination. He thinks there is a lack of teamwork when it comes to capital purchases so there is animosity among the department heads when it comes to these types of purchases. Mayor Anderson said the wish list does have quite a few items that are needed and he understands that the street department has very antiquated equipment. He spoke of the length of time since we purchased the Charger. Tom Mayo asked about the annual mileage on the vehicles. Rick said it is about 30,000 miles. Rick said the mileage per vehicle is cut down by having more vehicles in the fleet because we have 24 hour coverage. Connie asked about the state surplus listing and if those vehicles are equipped. Rick said it just depends if the equipment fits the new vehicles that were purchased by the entity surplus the vehicles. Chris Clark moved to purchase the used patrol car from Riverside Auto. Tom Mayo seconded the motion with the request to talk to them about the price because he thinks it is high. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “abstained”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said the pickups in the electric department in need of being replaced are David Sims’ pickup and the 1976 Chevy that is used by the power plant. The newer pickup from Surplus Property would be paid for on the same split that Stephen’s time is. Chris Clark asked about how the pickup purchase came about. Stephen said we have had a pickup in the budget for the last two years. Chris Clark moved to authorize the electric department to purchase the pickup for \$8,000 subject to checking out the vehicle. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “abstained”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

David Sims explained change order #2 for the power plant. He said the parts are out of spec and replacements need to be manufactured so this is the reason for change order #2. David said we may have a couple more change orders coming forth. Chris Clark moved to authorize the Mayor to sign change order #2 for unit 1 rebuild. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, Clerk/Treasurer